

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Selectmen present: David Barrows, Chairman, Rosendel Gerry, Jason Trundy, Julia Libby and Ladleah Dunn.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barrows at 6:00 p.m. at Lincolnville Central School (B-5). The quote was read by Selectman Trundy.

1. Citizens' Forum:

Larry Palmer of Compost Maine LLC made a brief presentation concerning a proposed composting pilot project. He asked for a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen. The Board requested that item be placed on the next meeting for consideration.

Rosey Gerry commended the snow removal crews for their work during the last storm. He also stated that he has received several comments about trouble with Tidewater Communications and he asked if the Town Administrator could explain to the Board and the public the Town's role.

Town Administrator Kinney explained that the telephone system is operated by Lincolnville Networks/Lincolnville Telephone Company and is regulated by the Public Utilities Commission. The Board of Selectmen has no jurisdiction concerning telephone service. Cable TV service is provided by Lincolnville Communications (a division of Lincolnville Networks). The Town has a non-exclusive franchise agreement with Lincolnville Communications and therefore another cable company could if it wished offer cable service. Internet service offered by Tidewater (a division of Lincolnville Networks) is to Kinney's best knowledge unregulated and is certainly not regulated by the Town/Board of Selectmen. Multiple options for Internet service are available.

2. Recreation Commission Update:

Mike Kremin, Chair of the Recreation Commission stated prior to moving forward with any additional capital projects the Commission planned to finish several ongoing maintenance projects and the concession stand. The Commission also wanted to seek additional public input before moving forward with new projects (running track, ice rink, parking lot improvements at Breezemere, youth programs, etc.). The Commission proposed an "open letter" to the residents of Town as a way to gain input. By consensus the Board agreed this was a good idea.

Kremin also brought forth the idea of installing power to the new concession building and utilizing existing funds for this purpose. The Board requested Kremin to investigate options and pricing.

3. Administrator's Report:

Kinney reported that the Board had been invited to a meeting along with the members of the Board of Selectmen from Hope, Camden and Rockport at the Camden First Aid Association (CFAA) on February 27th at 7PM to discuss Emergency Medical Services/Ambulance Service.

Libby explained that last year the CFAA was \$92,000 "in the hole" on a \$900,000 budget. EMS in the past has been given away. The CFAA is looking at how best to share the cost.

Paul Crowley suggested that it seemed odd to ask the Town to pay more and not the users. He asked why the cost falls on property tax payers. He stated that he owns a lot of property and questioned whether the property tax was the right revenue source.

Jim Sinclair stated that he had previously been an EMT/Driver for an ambulance service in Delaware. In Delaware a portion of insurance premiums are dedicated for public safety. At the time his service received approximately \$500,000 out of a \$1.2 million dollar budget from this revenue source. He stated that he would contact the local representatives to suggest such a system be considered. It might not help this year but might in the future.

4. Meetings & Announcements:

Town Administrator Kinney read the upcoming meetings. The Cemetery Trustees meeting will not be held and the Board meeting on the 25th was listed incorrectly as 6:30PM when the meeting will actually start at 6PM.

5. Upcoming Community Events:

Gerry announced that the next speaker in the Community Library series would be Kate Braestrup. The event will be 2/20/13 and tickets are \$10.

6. Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Gerry, second by Libby, that the Board approve the January 28, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 5-0.

7. Charter Amendment Petition:

Motion by Gerry, second by Trundy, that the Board order the public hearing on the proposed Charter Amendment be held on April 15, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Lincolnville Central School. Vote: 5-0.

8. As Board of Assessors – Abatement Request: 2254 Atlantic Highway, Map 13 Lot 23:

Motion by Trundy, second by Dunn, that we suspend our meeting as the Board of Selectmen and that we convene as the Board of Assessors. Vote: 5-0.

Motion by Trundy, second by Libby, that the Board of Assessors approve abatement #2012-07 for account #552 with the value to be abated of \$144,200 and a tax abatement amount of \$1,989.96 as recommended by the Assessors' Agent. Vote: 5-0.

Motion by Gerry, second by Libby, that we adjourn our meeting as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. Vote: 5-0.

9. Treasurer's and Payroll Warrant(s) – Approve and Sign:

Motion by Trundy, second by Libby, that the Board approve and sign the Treasurer's and Payroll Warrants. Vote: 5-0.

10. Adjourn:

Motion by Trundy, second by Gerry, to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
David B. Kinney
Town Administrator